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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ISSUES DECISION AND ORDER REMOVING JUDGE ROBERT S. DRAPER FROM OFFICE

The Commission on Judicial Performance has issued a decision and order removing Judge Robert S. Draper, of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, from office. The commission's determination becomes final in 30 days, subject to discretionary review by the California Supreme Court.

The commission ordered Judge Draper removed from office for nine acts of willful misconduct and eight acts of prejudicial misconduct. Judge Draper persistently violated the standards governing judicial behavior and engaged in extensive and severe misconduct. Judge Draper's misconduct reflected either a concerning lack of familiarity with ethical precepts, or an unwillingness to conform to those precepts. For example, Judge Draper made comments about race and engaged in other comments and actions reflecting gender bias, that were offensive, insensitive, and reflected a lack of appreciation for acceptable judicial conduct. He also initiated and engaged in ex parte communications. In addition, Judge Draper failed to cooperate with the commission's investigation of his misconduct.

Judge Draper's misconduct was aggravated by his refusal to accept responsibility for his misconduct, and his lack of insight or remorse for his misconduct and its effect on others. There were also instances where Judge Draper engaged in a lack of candor during his testimony during the proceedings, further aggravating his misconduct.

The commission's Decision and Order is available on the commission's website at https://cjp.ca.gov (under "Pending Cases - Press Releases & Documents" and "Public Discipline & Decisions"). Judge Draper is represented by himself and Paige L. Adamczyk, Esq. of Adamczyk Legal PC of Oxnard.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges, and two lawyers. The chairperson is Hon. Lisa B. Lench. Commission members Ms. Leisa Biggers and Ms. Beatriz E. Tapia are recused in this matter.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the commission's website at https://cjp.ca.gov.